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CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Lifts Burning Restrictions

Butte County – Cooler weather and recent rains will allow CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire to transition into its winter preparedness levels – declaring the end of the official “fire season” on October 29th.

Burning restrictions will be lifted in the unincorporated areas of Butte County, with no burning permits required until May 1, 2013. While cooler temperatures will help diminish the threat of wildfire, residents are urged to use caution while conducting residential dooryard debris burns.

County residents are advised to follow the guidelines listed below:

- ✓ Before burning in Butte County, you **MUST** call the Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD) at **332-9407** or toll free at **1-855-332-9407** or at www.bcaqmd.org to determine burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations for your area.
- ✓ Burn Hours in Biggs and Gridley are 6:00 am until 2pm. Burning in the city limits is allowed from 6:00 am until 11:00 am with valid permit. Burning in the town limits of Paradise is still prohibited. Burn hours in the remaining Butte County areas are 8:45 am until one hour before sunset.
- ✓ Do not burn on windy days.
- ✓ Burn only clean, dry, vegetative waste such as leaves, pine needles, and yard clippings.
- ✓ Drying times apply for the burning of vegetative waste. Contact the BCAQMD for more information.
- ✓ Piles can be no larger than four feet in diameter and four feet high.
- ✓ Provide a 10 foot, bare mineral soil perimeter around the burn pile.
- ✓ If burning on a lot less than one acre in size, all open fires should be located more than twenty-five (25) feet from the nearest occupied dwelling on any adjacent parcel.
- ✓ Keep a water source handy such as a charged garden hose.
- ✓ Property owners can be held civilly and criminally liable if a fire escapes their control and/or burns onto a neighboring property.

For more information on burning, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (530) 538-7888 or visit us on the Web at www.buttecounty.net/fire .